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Weber County man sentenced for theft of state income taxes

A Weber County man was sentenced last week to serve jail time after pleading guilty on two Class A misdemeanor theft counts of state taxes.

Robert VanDyke, 63, of Huntsville, was sentenced to serve one year in jail – with six months suspended – by Judge Ernie Jones in Weber County 2nd District Court.

The Utah State Tax Commission filed charges against VanDyke after he prepared income tax returns for a client and then defrauded her of her tax refunds. The original second and third degree felony charges were reduced to the Class A misdemeanor theft counts in a plea agreement.

He was also ordered to pay the victim full restitution of more than \$3,000 and ordered to report to jail on June 23.

“This theft of state income taxes hurt both the victim and our school children,” said Charlie Roberts, Tax Commission spokesman. “All state income tax revenues fund our public and higher education systems.”

The case was prosecuted by the Weber County attorney’s office and investigated by the criminal investigation unit of the Tax Commission.